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INCOME TAX DEBATE

No change in the Unofficial attitude towards Income Tax was revealed this afternoon, when the Budget debate was resumed in Legislative Council.

"There is real danger," said the Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, "that a method of taxation ill-adapted to the special position of Hong Kong will destroy confidence and seriously damage a delicate financial structure."

On resumption of the debate, the Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce said:—

Before dealing with the proposal to introduce a Special War Budget, I have some general observations to make on the Ordinary Budget for 1940-41.

I appreciate the fact these estimates were drawn up and completed before the outbreak of the present war, and I also appreciate the fact that the Secretary of State has recommended that we should continue with our social services, but I do not interpret in these recommendations that we are to provide for expenditure on a lavish scale, to the tune of millions, for new and expensive schemes during the present abnormal state of affairs.

In the Financial Secretary's memorandum on the financial position and estimates, we read the following:—

"In view of the uncertain outlook it has been decided to suspend completely all work on the Government House, and no funds for it are to be provided in 1940-41."

I am no pessimist as far as the future of this Colony is concerned, but I do feel this same policy should have been adopted throughout this Budget for I maintain and do sincerely suggest that the present is a time for caution and curtailment and that not only the new Government House but other works, important though they may be, should have been held in abeyance until the atmosphere cleared, and a more normal state of affairs prevail.

FORTUITOUS CIRCUMSTANCES

It is clear Government has not altogether lost sight of the fact the recent prosperity of the Colony has been due to a number of fortuitous circumstances, due to the Sino-Japanese conflict, for in numerous items of increased Revenue, the explanations repeatedly given are, "Increased population," "Rise in Rentals and less vacant tenements," and such like. Apart from these indications, there is no gainsaying that much of this Colony's prosperity during the last 24 months has been due to the fact it has been a larger clearing house for China's trade than ever before, because of difficulties in other Ports in China. I there-

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WEATHER FORECAST:—North-east and east winds, moderate; cloudy, some drizzle and light rain probable.

GOERING REPORTED IN ROME

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

It is rumoured that Field-Marshal Hermann Goering, the Nazi Air Minister, has arrived in Rome.

Authorised Italian quarters refuse to confirm or deny the report.—Havas.

NAZIS AND GENERAL STAFF FRICTION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

Friction between the Nazi Party and the German General Staff is increasing, observers arriving from Germany report.

The Nazi extremists are eager to strike quickly against Britain, feeling that such a move is necessary to confirm the large-scale anti-British propaganda which followed Munich.

The cautious ones in Germany are against such action, as they feel it would be construed by Russia as a defiant move against the Soviet, and they also fear possible Soviet action in the Balkans when Germany gets all her forces tied down on the Western Front. — Havas.

LITHUANIAN SHIPS SUNK

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Kaunas, To-day.

Two Lithuanian merchantmen, the Panevey (2,400 tons) and Nida (1,900 tons) were sunk near the Esthonian coast yesterday in mysterious circumstances.

Both vessels were loaded with British coal. — Havas.

ITALY LAUNCHES NEW BATTLESHIP

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

Another 35,000-ton Italian battleship, the Impero, was launched from the Spezia yards yesterday.—Havas.

GERMANY TO STRIKE AT THE BALKANS?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

POLITICAL CIRCLES HERE are of opinion that Germany may try in the near future to strike at the Balkans, both to satisfy public opinion in Germany and to obtain indispensable raw materials.

The High Command in Berlin is reported to realise that every move on the Western Front — either a direct attack on the Maginot Line or indiscriminate bombing of Britain or an attack through neutral countries — is bound to result in reprisals and costly failure.

Consequently Germany may attack Yugo-Slavia, and even Hungary and Rumania, thus gaining wheat, fats and oil.

Such a move will only be possible with Russia's complicity, which is possible if Germany agrees to limit her advance.

Furthermore, Moscow may find in a Balkans war a pretext for interfering in Bulgarian home politics, thus upsetting the whole balance in the Balkans.

ITALY A FACTOR

A German move into the Balkans may, however, draw active opposition from Italy, and already the possibility of a Nazi attack is drawing the Balkan countries closer to each other. —Havas.

KAISER'S GRANDSON IN ENGLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

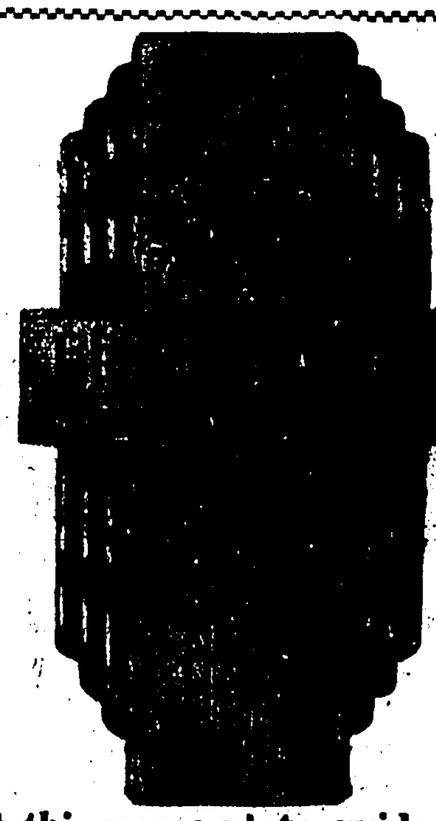
London, To-day.

The "Daily Express" reports that Prince Frederick Wilhelm of Prussia, one of the Kaiser's grandsons, who was recently reported to have been beheaded by the Nazis, is staying in England with friends.

It is revealed that Prince Frederick was in England when the war broke out, working in a German concern.

The British authorities allowed him to remain free on parole, on an undertaking that he would make no attempt to leave the country.

Prince Frederick Wilhelm is 28 years of age. — Havas.



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POLAND SACRIFICED TO PROFESSIONAL RIVALRY

London, To-day.

THE BRITISH PRESS devoted itself yesterday principally to the increases in allowances to the Army and to Gen. Sikorski.

"The Times" and the "Manchester Guardian" both have leading articles on the economic problems facing the country now and in the future.

The "Manchester Guardian" says that the allowances even now cannot be regarded as affluence. Nevertheless, the new scale marks a real advance and no tax-payer will grudge the £2,000,000 now required or the £4,000,000 required for the extended army.

The "Daily Herald" wants to know why the allowances are postponed for three or four weeks.

The "Daily Express" says that yesterday thousands of mothers and men on service gave thanks to a good and generous Government.

SIKORSKI'S PLACE

"The Times" says that although General Sikorski had written a book full of remarkable insight on a possible war between Germany and Poland and its conduct, he was not given the command. Professional rivalry deprived Poland not only of a good Prime Minister but also a great soldier. He is now summoned to do once again the work of reconstruction, with the help of the Allies.

The "Daily Telegraph" says that General Sikorski is regarded as one of the greatest strategists in eastern Europe. Had he been in command, the resistance would not only have been just as much a tale of epic heroism, but also much more effective.

ECONOMICS IN EUROPE

Discussing suggestions for economic plans for Europe, the "Manchester Guardian" says that, as regards a system for an economic federal reorganization of Europe, all the base materials—timber, tin, beef, etc. — are already controlled by world-wide or European trusts and combines.

These could be made of a more representative and reasonable character similar to that of the Mandates Commission.—Reuter.

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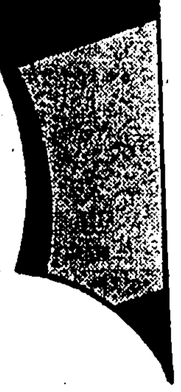

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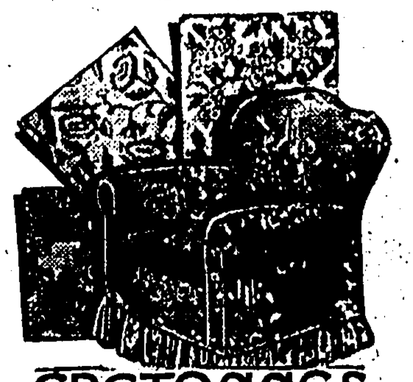

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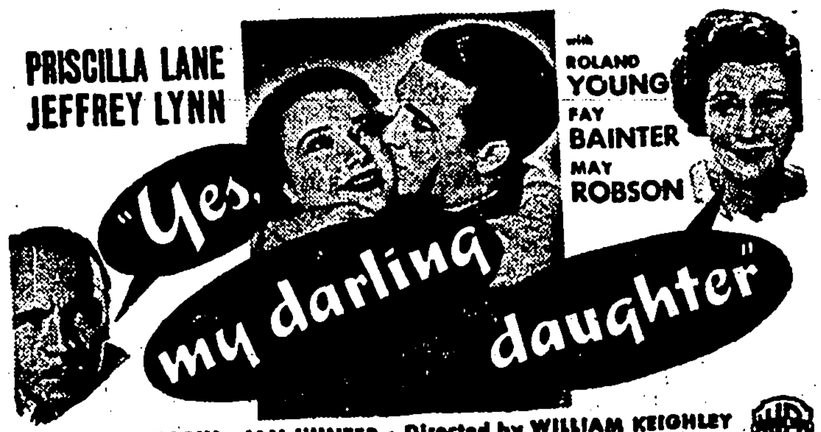

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FINLAND SEEKING NEW BASIS FOR SOVIET NEGOTIATIONS

Helsinki, To-day.

THE PRESIDENT of Finland had a long conference with the Finnish delegates to the Moscow talks who returned yesterday.

One of the Finnish delegates said: "The negotiations have been conducted in a friendly atmosphere. There were no threats and no ultimatums.

"It now remains to find another basis to continue the negotiations."

Meanwhile, however, the Soviet radio has launched a violent attack on Finland, who, it claims, is being supported by Great Britain.

The Russian press takes its cue from this and publishes several bitter articles on Finland.—Reuter.

Moscow, To-day.

Finland's rulers are accused of being backed by Britain, in a violent radio attack which was launched a few hours after the delegation returned to Helsinki. — Reuter.

SOVIET COMMENT ON BREAKDOWN

Moscow, To-day.

News of the failure of the Finnish negotiations is to be conveyed to the Soviet public by a despatch from Helsinki to be published in to-day's newspapers.

The despatch states that the Finns are trying to blame the failure of the negotiations upon the Soviets, while the facts are that the Finnish ruling classes do not want an agreement with the Soviet.

Finnish official statements that an agreement is desired and that the conversations have only been temporarily interrupted, are only meant to mislead Finnish public opinion, the Russians allege. — Reuter.

GRACIE SINGS

Paris, To-day.

Miss Gracie Fields entertained British troops "somewhere behind the lines" last night.—Reuter.

Mr. R. Sawada, Japan's new Ambassador to France, passes through the Colony to-day on his way to Paris. Mr. Sawada was formerly Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs in Premier Hiranuma's cabinet.

ONLY SEVEN SHIPS LOST IN CONVOY

London, To-day.

The Minister of Shipping announced in the House of Commons yesterday that so far 3,070 ships had been conveyed and only 7 had been lost. The system is thus regarded as giving security and arrangements for it to be increased are being made; this will also enable coal exports to be increased.

Mr. Shinwell, Labour, asked the Ministry to fix shipping rates so that owners could get a reasonable profit.

Sir Percy Harris called on the Government to give generous treatment to the men of the merchant marine. They were, he said, just as important as the men of the Navy, Army and Air Force. — Reuter.

GEN. SMUTS ACCEPTS INVITATION

Johannesburg, To-day.

General Smuts has accepted in a private capacity an appointment by the United States and Belgium as one of the three joint international commissioners under the Belgian-United States peace treaty of 1929.

The primary aim of the treaty is the advancement of peace. The appointment will not require General Smuts to go abroad.—Reuter.

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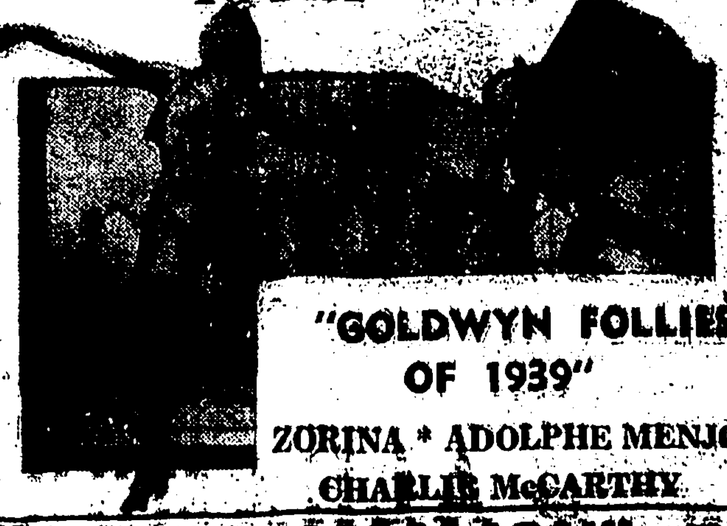

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"NOT IMPRESSED BY ARGUMENT"

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fore hold a strong view, not fully shared by my colleagues, that this Budget, coming at a time when the situation is obscure, should have been framed to show a large surplus, which if realized, could have been held in a special reserve, and utilized at some more suitable time for the various projects referred to by the Senior Unofficial Member. It would, I am convinced, have been more businesslike to have postponed these projects and given them consideration when prices of iron, steel and other imported requirements for building had returned to pre-war and reasonable levels.

MEDICAL COSTS

The rapid growth of the Medical Department with its formidable number of highly paid staff, and consequent increasing pensions list calls for some comment. I am appreciative of the work being done and not unmindful of the lack of Hospital facilities as shewn in the comprehensive report recently published. I hope I shall not be described as heartless, if I here express doubts as to whether the Colony can afford to pay this enormous Doctors bill.

The question of providing bigger hospital accommodation will no doubt be tackled in due course. I hope when that time comes every care will be taken to see there is no extravagance or unnecessary expenditure incurred.

In the meantime, I hope the Director will, when developing the numerous schemes he now has in hand, keep a watchful eye on expenditure.

A.R.P. EXPENDITURE

As I have frequently referred to expenditure on Air Raid Precautions at meetings of the Finance Committee, I must here again express my scepticism, as to whether the Colony is getting full value for its money. I cannot believe it was ever anticipated that such a big amount was to be expended, and I hope the expenditure on capital account for this new department will soon be completed.

I regret that I must level a complaint against the Sanitary Department, on the question of the cleanliness of our streets. I believe there is some difference of opinion in regard to this matter, and also some difficulty in regard to the water supply required. I hope that a satisfactory solution of these differences will be arrived at, for I feel strongly, as do many others, that money will be well spent if our roads and streets are kept in clean condition.

I must also comment on the Squatter Settlements in various overcrowded districts, particularly the way matshed buildings are allowed indiscriminately on the hillsides. I appreciate there are numerous difficulties in the way, but I maintain these settlements are no credit to whoever is responsible for their supervision.

PENSIONS

As one who has from time to time voiced criticism, I should be wanting in my duty if I did not make some reference to Pensions, for this is a subject that is constantly discussed in business circles with ever increasing alarm and apprehension.

The Colony is fully justified in its demands that this question be tackled forthwith, and a scheme evolved whereby it will definitely know its total commitments from year to year, and not have to rely upon an estimate in the Annual Budget. I cannot believe there is any better service the Financial Secretary can render this Colony than for him to solve this stupendous problem satisfactorily.

Although I am not altogether satisfied the pensions already being enjoyed cannot be put on a proper actuarial basis, the future could, I believe, be catered for by the institution of some sound Provident Scheme.

I venture to suggest, Sir, this question of Pensions is already getting out of hand, and unless dealt with firmly, efficiently and immediately, will be too heavy a load for this Colony to bear.

I hope it will not be long before Government can make some announcement, that an expert is dealing with the whole question.

INCOME TAX

Coming now, Sir, to the question of the Special War Budget, and the proposal to introduce Income Tax to provide funds to meet that Budget, I gladly avail myself of the Honourable the Financial Secretary's invitation made in the opening sentences of his speech to make some rejoinder to his arguments and contentions. I am also grateful to you, Sir, for agreeing to a postponement of this adjourned Council Meeting until to-day. This courtesy is very much appreciated.

The Honourable the Financial Secretary, naturally with bias in favour of the Tax, has ably dealt with its numerous aspects and has assailed the arguments made by Unofficial Members with spirit, but his arguments are not convincing.

After close scrutiny of his speech I can see no reason to alter my views.

I am still of opinion that the introduction of this particular form of taxation cannot be anything but a hindrance and deterrent to the business of this Colony. I hold it is of paramount importance that the cheap and easy facilities offered by this Port must be maintained, and that its financial structure to deal with this trade is not hampered.

COLONY'S TRADE

I am in agreement with the Honourable Financial Secretary when he declines to accept the allegation that the Colony has been suffering during the last two years from trade depression in consequence of the Sino-Japanese hostilities. The view of my Unofficial colleagues and the commercial community generally is that the Colony has undoubtedly enjoyed a wave of prosperity. But at the same time there is no doubt that those conditions have been abnormal and must be entirely ignored when measurin the Colony's taxable capacity.

I must take issue with the Honourable Financial Secretary's arguments regarding the expenditure which will be incurred and the difficulties which will be met in the collection of the Tax. I suggest, with all due deference, that to inaugurate a big and important department by "drawing the staff required from other branches of the Government Service, whose activities will have to be reduced to some extent", is a proposition which is untenable.

INTRICACIES OF COLLECTION

The intricacies of Income Tax collection in Great Britain remains to this day a problem difficult of solution. The Financial Secretary will be aware that there are many experts finding an honest livelihood advising clients, who have no thoughts whatsoever of the evasion of Income Tax. I am not impressed with the argument that expert assistance will not be required. I maintain the situation out here in regard to this matter must be complicated, much more complicated than at home, where despite many years during which the tax has been in operation, legal problems are a constant source of litigation.

One further word in regard to the matter of collection of the tax, and that is the question of Chinese accounts and accountancy. The Honourable the Senior Chinese Member, in his speech, dealt with this matter pointing out difficulties that would certainly arise. I must frankly confess that I am disappointed at the manner in which the Financial Secretary lightly passes over these comments. In support of my honourable friend, Mr. Chau's view, I would say that in conversation with leading British Accountants, I discover numerous difficulties, too numerous to catalogue here. I would have been more impressed if the Financial Secretary had been able to give us an assurance that the local firms of accountants had been consulted. I remain unmoved in my view that it will be a costly matter both to Government and to the Community, adding burdensome overheads.

SINGAPORE EXPERIENCE

In dismissing in a few words the reference to the imposition of Income Tax in Singapore the Financial Secretary says, "I have it on very good authority that the enforcement of Income Tax was never seriously pursued."

I am disappointed the Financial Secretary has not given us the reason why the administration in Singapore never really pursued the tax and why very soon after its inception, dropped it.

I am given to understand that of the tax actually collected approximately 76% was borne by the European community.

It was certainly a War Time measure, but in spite of that fact, important objections must have existed, information as to which must be available. It is significant the imposition of Income Tax was soon dropped in the Straits Settlements.

CAPITAL ASSETS

The Financial Secretary has pointed out that capital invested in plant and equipment cannot be removed from the Colony and goes on to remark that it is a matter of indifference to the Government whether a tax on the income from it is paid by the existing owner or anyone else to whom he has sold his shares. But surely the Financial Secretary has overlooked the deflationary effects of a general movement to sell out Hong Kong investments. The plant and equipment to which the Financial Secretary refers have been purchased from funds provided by the investor. Many of these investors are in a position to transfer their money from one part of the world to another and their money happens to have been invested here because of the attractions offered by Hong Kong in the way of security and a reasonable and untaxed return on capital.

The imposition of an income tax will, in the opinion of the business community, raise doubts in the mind of such an investor, who without giving full consideration to what the Financial Secretary calls the beauty of income tax, may decide to dispose of his share of the plant and equipment referred to.

If he does so he may have to take less than he expected and in turn his forced selling and the forced sales of others will mean recession throughout the share list. There will then follow a heavy reduction in the value of collateral securities and bankers will start to call in their loans.

FINANCIAL CHAOS

The Colony will then find itself again in the financial chaos which prevailed during the autumn of 1925, when private investors were forced huge losses and the Government had to come forward with assistance in the shape of a Trade Loan.

The Financial Secretary quotes the Taxation Committee as being unanimous that an income tax was in principle the best method of raising further funds. I am not satisfied this is quite a fair statement. As I am given to understand that Committee were against Income Tax, but agreed it could be brought in case of necessity of the Colony itself. I do not believe they visualized it would be suggested as a means of taking money out of the people to be remitted out of the Colony.

FEARS RECOGNISED

It appears that the Honourable Financial Secretary does entertain some fears that Capital may be removed, for he makes two suggestions that should be adopted to prevent such movement.

The first one is that "No Income Tax should be charged on interest on deposits held by non-residents."

Is not this an admission there is some danger of such deposits being removed, and if there is fear of non-residents doing so, why should it not cause residents to do likewise?

Later in his speech the Financial Secretary proposes some special concession is to be made to newly established factories. It seems to me this is also an admission of some fear new capital may be prevented from coming here.

To my mind Income Tax is unsuited to the peculiar conditions of

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CHINA ORDER FOR AIR FORCE

New York, To-day.

China has ordered an attack bomber, a set of assembly jigs and duraluminum sufficient for 25 planes from the Vultee Aircraft company.

Total value of the order is $1,000,000.—Reuter.

NEW ZEALANDER IN AIR BATTLE FOUR MILES ABOVE EARTH: EYE-WITNESS STORY

London, To-day.

A THRILLING ACCOUNT of how a New Zealander in the Royal Air Force shot down a German bomber was given by an eye-witness, Mr. J. Wentworth Day, in a broadcast from Daventry yesterday.

Mr. Day said that he had just returned from a visit to an advanced fighter wing of the R.A.F., where he met many pilots from all parts of the Empire —Englishmen, Canadians, Australians, two or three Rhodesians and the New Zealander.

While Mr. Day was visiting them, he saw the young New Zealander fight what is believed to be the highest aerial battle yet fought in this war—four or five miles above earth!

The German machine was a large Dornier-17 bomber, which appeared in the sky looking about as big as a swallow. At that moment, the British fighter, which no one had seen up to then, shot out of a cloud, climbed above the bomber and then dived.

CHILD'S RATTLE

Despite the distance, those on the ground could hear the sound of machine-gun fire, but it sounded like "a child's rattle."

The German machine got a full burst in the fuselage which apparently killed the pilot, for it went into a spiral dive at 23,000 feet and came down at a terrific speed, hitting the ground at about 600 miles an hour.

It dug a 6-foot trench in a village street and wounded an old woman, but otherwise caused no damage. Mr. Day said that he had never seen before a 'plane smash up into such a complete and utter wreck.

"A BIT OF LUCK"

The New Zealander, a tall, dark young man of about 21 years of age from Wellington, N.Z., said that he followed the German bomber down in its dive but pulled out when he was doing over 400 miles an hour. The dive, as Mr. Day saw for himself, whipped strips off the leading edge of the British machine's wing.

The fight, said the pilot, started at about 27,000 feet and he finished the bomber off at 23,000 feet. "It was just a bit of luck," he said, and Mr. Day could not get him to say anything more about it.—Reuter.

KING ENTERTAINS SIKORSKI

LONDON, TO-DAY.

HIS MAJESTY THE KING YESTERDAY GAVE A LUNCHEON IN HONOUR OF GENERAL SIKORSKI, THE POLISH PREMIER, AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE POLISH GOVERNMENT NOW VISITING ENGLAND.

Lord Halifax was also among the guests.

General Sikorski attended the luncheon after laying a wreath on the Cenotaph in Whitehall.

He is to visit the Polish destroyers which are now working in conjunction with the Royal Navy and will confer decorations on a number of Polish sailors.—Reuter.

RHODESIA'S AIR FORCE

London, To-day.

In order that the Southern Rhodesian Air Force, which he commands, may when necessary be expanded with rapidity and efficiency, Colonel C. W. Meredith is at present in Great Britain making an intensive study of methods of training in the R.A.F.—British Wireless.

MEXICAN OIL VERDICT

Mexico City, To-day.

It is virtually certain that the Supreme Court will rule that the expropriation of foreign petroleum interests, dating from March, 1938, is constitutional.

The judgment is expected to provide for indemnification covering everything installed for the development of the industry, but no compensation for the loss of the concessions. — Reuter.

NAZI TECHNIQUE IN EMBROIDERING

London, To-day.

THE FOLLOWING are interesting examples of the German technique in embroidering the truth.

Trans-Ocean, the Nazi news agency, on November 14 stated, first, that in the course of serious anti-Semitic demonstrations in London on Sunday night the windows of several shops were smashed.

Secondly, the Nazi agency stated that a woman who shouted during the Cenotaph ceremony on November 11 was arrested by the police, together with a large number of other persons.

THE FACTS

The facts are that certain Jewish shop-fronts in the West End only were scratched with the swastika on Sunday night, and not a single window was smashed.

The woman who shouted was escorted away from the Cenotaph ceremony by police, so as not to disturb the proceedings, but she was then allowed to proceed. No arrests whatever were made.

It is doubtless inconceivable to the mentality of German propagandists that such incidents could occur without windows being smashed or arrests made.

NOTEWORTHY OMISSION

It is not surprising, therefore, that the untruthful embroidery to the story should be a true pattern of what would have happened in similar circumstances in Germany.

It is noteworthy too that though these facts were broadcast in Germany and in various foreign languages, no mention whatever was made in the Nazi broadcast to England. — Reuter.

GENEROUS GIFT

London, To-day.

It was announced here yesterday that one of the northern Shan states of Burma has given £10,000 to the Lord Mayor's Red Cross fund.—Reuter.

OFF THE RECORD

By Ed Reed

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'QUAKE FELT IN NEW JERSEY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Philadelphia, To-day.

A violent quake was recorded by the seismograph in the Franklin Institute on Tuesday night.

Lasting ten seconds, it was clearly felt in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland.

Some houses were shaken up in south-west New Jersey but no serious damage was done.—Havas.

LIVELIER WAR FRONT

Paris, To-day.

The western front was a little livelier yesterday, though the activity was not remarkable.

Last night's French war communique stated: "There were patrol encounters and local artillery action during the day."

The weather is not much good either from the point of view of the comfort of the infantry or for flying.—Reuter.

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LORD ROTHERMERE GIVEN JUDGMENT IN ACTION BY PRINCESS HOHENLOHE

London, To-day.

MR. JUSTICE TUCKER yesterday delivered judgment for Lord Rothermere in the action for breach of contract brought against him by Princess Hohenlohe.

Mr. Justice Tucker decided that Lord Rothermere had not contracted to vindicate her political reputation or pay her ar annuity of £5,000 for life.

Mr. Justice Tucker said the Princess had put forward two claims. One in effect was for damages for wrongful dismissal or repudiation of a contract of employment.

The Judge said he was satisfied there had never been any bargain that the Princess should refrain from accepting £25,000 from the American publishers for an article on the Hungarian campaign.

The Judge was also satisfied that the Princess had been paid till the end of 1938, when the contract would have expired without notice required on either side.

NEVER UNDERTOOK

The second part of the case was that Lord Rothermere contracted in January, 1933, to clear the Princess's name in connection with libels published in certain French newspapers, and would thereafter look after her financially.

The Judge found that Lord Rothermere never contractually undertook to vindicate the Princess nor contractually promised to maintain her for her lifetime.

The Judge referred to a number of highly confidential documents which had been read in court, and remarked that there was nothing discreditable to Lord Rothermere or to the writer in any of these letters.

THOSE PHOTOSTATS

Any man of honour would strongly object to such highly confidential correspondence with the heads of foreign governments being bandied about court.

The Judge declared he had not heard a satisfactory explanation of the circumstances in which the Princess had received photostatic copies of these documents, not from Lord Rothermere, her employer, but from his correspondents in Europe.

"There can be no possible occasion for the lady to continue to receive from the German Chancellery copies of private documents sent by Lord Rothermere to that destination as late as January, 1939.

"The result is that this action fails on every point, and there must be judgment for defendant with costs." —Reuter.

DESERVED NO SYMPATHY

"You deserve no sympathy," said Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon this morning to Cheng Kwok-tai, 32, of No. 369, Prince Edward Road, alleged 'hit-and-run' driver, who appeared in connection with an accident in Kowloon City on Tuesday night.

Cheng was fined $210 for driving private car, No. 3611, under the influence of drink, at a dangerous speed, failing to stop after knocking down a pedestrian and failing to report the accident.

Traffic Sergeant J. Scrim said Cheng reported to the Water Police last night, stating that he did not know he had had an accident until last night when he went to the garage to take the car out and saw the front light and mudguard were damaged.

MORE JUNKS MOLESTED

Arriving here yesterday Tao Hoi-fu, master of junk No. 539, reported that his junk was set on fire on October 20 by Japanese sailors, who stopped the boat off Swabue. Total loss suffered was said to be $1,200.

Tao and his fokis were forced into a sampan in which they managed to reach Hong Kong safely.

Another attack on a junk by Japanese was reported by Kwok Fu-shing, master of boat No. 720HA, Kwok stated that at 1 p.m. on Monday his junk was stopped by the Japanese off Lin Tin Island. The Japanese transferred the cannon, gun-powder and old rifles from the junk to the trawler and then ordered Kwok to sail away.

JAPANESE TRAWLER'S RESCUE

A JAPANESE TRAWLER WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN RESCUING THE CREW OF A JUNK WHICH CAPSIZED OFF FU KIU TAN LAST THURSDAY.

Clinging to pieces of wood and a partly submerged sampan, the crew drifted until daylight when they were picked up by the Japanese trawler "Tsuru Maru" and brought to Hong Kong.

BODY FOUND IN THE LAM TSUN VALLEY

The body of a Chinese woman, between 30 and 40, was found yesterday in a field at Pak Ngau Shek in Lam Tsun Valley, New Territories. Tightly wound round the neck was a piece of red string. Death was due to strangulation. Murder is suspected.

MORE NAZI WISHFUL THINKING

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE GERMAN CLAIM THAT BRITAIN IS DOUBLY VULNERABLE COMPARED TO 1914, OWING TO THE INCREASE IN THE SIZE OF FREIGHTERS DOUBLING THE IMPORTANCE OF A SINGLE LOSS, DOES NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE GREATLY DECREASED EFFECTIVENESS OF SUBMARINES OWING TO THE IMPROVED BRITISH ANTI-SUBMARINE EFFICIENCY.

The proof lies in the figures for the first two months of the war.

British merchantmen losses were 56 ships of 238,95 tons, compared with losses in a single month, in April 1917, of 210 ships totalling 551,000 tons.

Germany has already lost at least one-third of her overseas U-boat fleet, while British losses have greatly decreased.

The only ship sunk by a U-boat in the last fortnight was the 1,346-ton Ponzano, which the German broadcasters wishfully claim to be a 14,000-ton ship. — Reuter.

IL DUCE'S SON ON AIRLINE SURVEY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL)

Seville, To-day.

Surveying the intermediate landing grounds for the tentative commercial airline, linking Italy with South America, Bruno Mussolini, Il Duce's son, yesterday took off for Villa Cisneros from where he will go on to the Cape Verde Islands. — Havas.

800 FEARED DEAD IN DISASTER

Caracas, To-day.

Some 800 people may have lost their lives in the oil disaster on Monday, it is now feared.

The town was built of wooden houses on piles in the lake, and the fire started when a kerosene lamp overturned. The wind swept the flames through the entire town and within four hours nothing was left but floating debris and smouldering piles.—Reuter.

BRITISH MISSION FOR SPAIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL)

MADRID, TO-DAY.

WITH THE VIEW TO CONCLUDING SEVERAL ECONOMIC AGREEMENTS, AN IMPORTANT BRITISH COMMERCIAL MISSION IS ARRIVING HERE.

Business quarters stress that Spain must fully re-establish economic relations with France and Britain and also intensify trade exchanges with South American States.

Meanwhile, Spain's foreign policy is still based on close relations with Rome.

An Institute of Italian Culture has just been opened in Madrid with branches in other large Spanish towns. — Havas.

RUBBER QUOTA

London, To-day.

The International Rubber Committee has fixed the quota for the first quarter of 1940 at 80 per cent. — Reuter.

NAZIS AND SOVIET

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL)

MOSCOW, TO-DAY.

FORTY GERMAN INDUSTRIALISTS INCLUDING FOUR REPRESENTATIVES OF LUFTHANSA, HAVE ARRIVED HERE.

It is reported that they are negotiating for the establishment of a Berlin-Warsaw-Moscow air line.

The presence of numerous Germans, most of them businessmen, is noted in Leningrad.—Havas.

URGENT WAR AIM IS — VICTORY

Canberra, To-day.

Mr. R. J. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, said that the urgent war aim is victory, followed by world security, the abandonment of arms competition, and prosperity, in which Germany will share.—Reuter

REVISED OFFICIAL SECRETS BILL RECEIVES WELCOME

London, To-day.

ON THE MOTION of Sir John Anderson, the Home Secretary, the House of Commons yesterday gave a second reading to the Official Secrets Bill, which the House of Lords has already passed unamended.

The Bill limits the special powers of interrogation of the police to cases of espionage.

It provides that the permission of the Home Secretary be obtained before these powers are exercised, except in cases of great emergency, where the chief of police will be authorised to act without first obtaining permission.

In future, powers of interrogation will be exercised only by police, and not by members of His Majesty's Forces, and the opportunity will be taken to deal with the case of a person knowingly giving false information, which is not covered specifically by the present law.

BILL WELCOMED

The Bill was welcomed by the representatives of all parties.

Capt. Wedgwood Benn (Opposition Labour) pointed out that the Bill dealt with peace time, and everybody was now subjected to much severer restrictions under the defence regulations.—Reuter.

FOUR SHIPS SUNK

London, To-day.

Four steamers were sunk yesterday, only one of them British.

The small 800-ton coaster Woodtown was sunk after an explosion, and nine of her crew of 13 were drowned.

A 2,200-ton Greek steamer hit a submerged wreck off the north-east coast of England. Her 22 crew were picked up safely by a shore lifeboat.

Two Lithuanian steamers of about 2,000 tons each were sunk in the Baltic near the Esthonian coast.—Reuter.

GERMANY REJECTS PEACE MEDIATION OFFER: MATTER CLOSED "BY ALLIES"

Brussels, To-day.

THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT has declined the mediation appeal of Queen Wilhelmina and King Leopold on the ground that Great Britain and France had already rejected it.

The Nazi reply was handed to the Netherlands and Belgian envoys in Berlin when they called on the Foreign Minister, Joachim von Ribbentrop, yesterday.

A communique says: "Von Ribbentrop told the envoys that in view of the blunt rejection of the appeal by the British and French Governments, the German Government considers the matter closed."—Reuter.

Berlin, To-day.

Germany has informed Belgium and the Netherlands that she regards the peace offer as "dead" as the result of the British and French "rejection."—Reuter.

RHINE IN FLOOD RESTRAINS NAZIS

Paris, To-day.

It is reported that the waters of the Rhine are now well in flood, putting a brake on any German military plans for an invasion of the Low Countries.—Reuter.

AACHEN DECISION

It is believed that the offer has been rejected on the grounds that Britain and France have set impossible conditions.

It is reported that the German civilian population of Aachen (Aix-la-Chappelle), which was recently evacuated, is now being permitted to return. Hospitals prepared for soldiers are again available for civilians.—Reuter.

NETHERLANDS OFFENDED

The Hague, To-day.

Officials last night were busy decoding a communication from the Dutch Minister in Berlin, presumably giving the gist of his interview with Joachim von Ribbentrop, the Nazi Foreign Minister.

If Ribbentrop's statement is to be taken as Hitler's reply to Queen Wilhelmina's telegram, public opinion in Holland will inevitably be most offended, as it is pointed out that when the Queen sends a message to the head of a foreign State, the average Netherlander expects at least the courtesy of a formal reply.

DEEPER SHADOW

Moreover, this method of dismissing the offer is regarded as all the more unfriendly in view of the recent statement of the Dutch Foreign Office to the effect that the British and French replies were considered to "leave the door open."

Hitler's failure to mention the peace move in his Munich speech caused great regret in Holland.

The German intimation that Queen Wilhelmina's telegram would be carefully examined gave a ray of light during the critical period, but the latest development serves to cast a deeper shadow over the final disappointment.—Reuter.

PERSONAL MESSAGE BY HERR HITLER?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Brussels, To-day.

Following the statement to the Belgian and Dutch Ministers in Berlin by Herr von Ribbentrop, the Nazi Foreign Minister, on the mediation offer, it is expected that Hitler will send a personal message to King Leopold and Queen Wilhelmina outlining the reasons behind the German rejection of the mediation proposal.—Havas.

INCREASE IN WAGES

New Delhi, To-day.

The Indian jute mills association has agreed to increase the wage of workers by 10 per cent. On Tuesday, 8,000 workers at Calcutta resumed work and more are expected to do so to-day. The strike started last Friday.—Reuter.

EMULATOR OF MR. CHIPS

SHETLAND TEACHER KEEPS CLASS SINGING IN A RAID

London, To-day.

LATEST INFORMATION shows that at least 16 heavy bombs were dropped by the four Nazi planes which raided the Shetlands on Monday.

An additional four bombs, not previously reported, fell in a deep peat moor on a hill and did not explode.

They were armour-piercing bombs weighing about 250 lbs. each.

A young woman teacher in the small school area kept her five pupils singing choruses while the air danger continued.

The Manse was struck by splinters and another school was badly shaken.

When four large bombs exploded among the peat soil and clay and granite 250 yards away, the teacher kept her pupils indoors and away from the windows.

Some observers report that eight, and not four, bombs were dropped near a naval vessel.

All those that fell in the sea did no damage and those that were dropped on land were equally wasted.—Reuter.

ALLIED FINANCE

LONDON TO-DAY.

M. REYNAUD, THE FRENCH FINANCE MINISTER, CONCLUDED HIS VISIT TO ENGLAND YESTERDAY.

The visit will strengthen the ties, already strong, between the British and French Treasuries.

M. Reynaud proposed that further meetings take place between financial experts of the two countries.—Reuter.

NAZI ARMY PROBLEMS

LONDON, TO-DAY.

REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT WITH THE FRENCH ARMY SAYS THERE IS PRACTICAL EVIDENCE THAT THE GERMANS ARE DESPERATELY TRYING TO TRAIN MEN ON A MASS PRODUCTION SYSTEM.

Competent authorities consider they are still short of 15,000 officers and those in the line include some who have not had time to gain sufficient experience.—Reuter.

A leather suitcase containing a passport belonging to Mr. Cuncliffe, residing at the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, was lost yesterday between the Cecil Hotel and the Macao Wharf.

IL DUCE'S FIGHTING SPEECH

Rome, To-day.

Signor Mussolini made a somewhat belligerent speech to students yesterday.

Il Duce declared: "You must keep your guns beside your books.

"Our peace is not a weak peace but an armed peace."—Reuter.

GERMANS IN EAST IN NEED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

The Shanghai Nazi newspaper, Ostasiatischer Lloyd, to-day contains an appeal to the German community to donate men's clothing, underwear and shoes "for our numerous compatriots working aboard German ships and at present stranded in Far Eastern harbours."

Observers estimate that there are at least 1,000 German seamen aboard boats which have taken refuge in Japanese and North China ports.—Havas.

N.Z. TO CARRY OUT ITS PROMISES

Wellington, To-day.

Certain promises were made to Britain and these are going to be carried out, said Mr. Savage, the New Zealand Prime Minister, yesterday.—Reuter.

LARGE-SCALE AIR ATTACKS PREDICTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Copenhagen, To-day.

THE BERLIN CORRESPONDENT of the "National Tidende" reports that the conviction has spread in Germany that the Reich is resorting to drastic action before the end of winter in order to prevent the Allies from receiving arms from America.

Large-scale air attacks on Britain by a completely new type of plane, able to reach England within one-and-a-half hours, are planned. On the other hand, Germany is expecting neutral governments to refuse their harbours to Allied armed merchantmen.

The Reich has already handed to neutrals, a list of such ships and is reserving the right to take necessary action if the neutrals do not comply with the demands, thereby violating international law, according to the Reich's viewpoint.—Havas.

WOUNDED BY BOMB

Suffering from wounds in the back, Chan Ching, 60, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital yesterday. Chan was injured when the Japanese bombed Wai Chung in Chinese territory on November 6.

Robert Archibald Boyd was again remanded to-day when charged with failing to appear before the Compulsory Service Tribunal.

INDIAN AIR FORCE

London, To-day.

Authority has been given and conditions of service approved for the creation of an Indian Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

At the outset the Volunteer Reserve will consist of five independent flights located at Karachi, Bombay, Madras, Calcutta and Delhi.

The flights will be primarily for coast defence duties in India.

The establishment of these flights is to be a permanency and is not an emergency measure.—British Wireless.

Brussels, To-day.

The Belgian Minister of Communications stated yesterday that the negotiations with Britain regarding the contraband control were proceeding very satisfactorily.—Reuter.

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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

HITLER'S PROMISES

The German people have no thought of invading any country. (Berlin, May 17, 1933.)

We do not want a war merely for the purpose of bringing to Germany people who simply do not want to be, or cannot be, Germans. (On the wireless, May 27, 1933.)

When has the German people ever broken its word? (Berlin, November 10, 1933.)

The assertion that the German Reich plans to coerce the Austrian State is absurd and cannot be substantiated or proved. (Berlin, January 13, 1934.)

Germany has concluded a non-aggression pact with Poland which is more than a valuable contribution to European peace, and she will adhere to it unconditionally. (Berlin, May 21, 1935.)

Germany is the bulwark of the West against Bolshevism, and, in combating it, will meet terror with terror, and violence with violence. (Berlin, November 29, 1935.)

We have no territorial demands to make in Europe. (Berlin, March 7, 1936.)

The lie goes forth again that Germany to-morrow or the day after will fall upon Austria or Czecho-Slovakia. (Berlin, May 1, 1936.)

The Sudetenland is the last territorial claim which I have to make in Europe . . . I have assured Mr. Chamberlain, and I emphasise it now, that when this problem is solved Germany has no more territorial problems in Europe. (Berlin, September 26, 1938.)

There is one peculiarity about the ruler of Germany. It is doubtful whether his promises or his threats are more to be feared. He promised not to coerce Austria; he promised not to invade Czecho-Slovakia; after swallowing the Sudeten Germans he promised to make no further territorial demands in Europe; he promised to keep his pact with Poland. Could anything worse have happened to these States if all his promises had been threats?—"Manchester Guardian.

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LONG BATTLE

The only safe assumption is that the battle against Hitlerism will be long and hard, and will strain to the uttermost the resources of the British Empire. "Easy hopes or lies" are the most dangerous guides to policy in war-time. Britain is resolved to have none of them. Drawn with France into a struggle which she made despairing and sacrificial efforts to avoid, she is determined to continue it until the aggressor and his hateful system are overthrown. It is precisely the kind of war now envisaged by Britain that Nazi Germany has most cause to dread. She specialises, not in a war of resources, but in the "Blitzkrieg"—the modern, mechanised version of the swift tribal foray; and indeed she fell upon her Polish neighbour with the suddenness and savagery of a tribe of island head-hunters raiding a weaker people. But, severely as she mauled her victim in the space of a few days, she has yet to reckon with the might and staying-power of the West. These she has just reason to fear, and, for all its bombast, there is a note of anxiety in recent Nazi propaganda.—"Sydney Morning Herald."

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VAE VICTIS!

Despatches from Helsingfors, based on eye-witnesses' accounts of what is happening in Poland, tell a tragic story. No generous mind can read unmoved of outrages all the more terrible because systematic and obviously approved by the German High Command. Civilians and even children are being driven off to Germany to work like the Israelites in captivity. Officers, with Goering's collection to inspire them, are stealing works of art. Shops are being looted, and a population already in desperate straits is deprived of all except the bread and water recently mentioned as proofs of German generosity. Flesh and blood, we read, is going just as cheap. Junior officers and even N.C.O.'s have power of life and death; and denunciation by a spy is enough to ensure that the denounced disappears for ever from the haunts of men.

In the horror which these revelations will cause throughout the world there is no taint of hypocrisy. Isolated crimes have been committed in other wars by other races, but the civilised commander suppresses all such acts according to the law of nations. It has remained for Germany to discover that this code is as outmoded as Christianity itself, and to establish another. To the old braggart motto, Deutschland ueber Alles, Hitler has added a corollary Vae victis! Woe to the conquered! Nor need this surprise us, for the most ruthless cruelty has long been characteristic of a certain type of German mind. To Nietzsche the world was a jungle in which the strong, like beasts, struck down and devoured the weak; and the fact that Nietzeche died insane has not lessened his influence on Hitler. — "Daily Telegraph."

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INDIA'S FUTURE

The Congress is not alone in its rejection of the Viceroy's unsatisfactory promises. The Council of the All-India National Liberal Federation has arrived at virtually the same verdict. It deplores the Viceroy's failure to fix a definite period for India's attainment of full Dominion Status of the same character as that enjoyed by the self-governing units of the Empire. It fears that the Central Government must continue for an indefinite period in its present state of irresponsibility, as far removed as ever from the principles of democracy for which India is expected to fight. As for the Congress, it suspects the raising of the minority issue and the stress laid on communal differences to be merely a screen for covering the Imperial Government's real intentions of continuing to keep India in perpetual subjection. It is singularly unfortunate that this suspicion should have been encouraged by the Viceroy's maladroit statement at so critical a stage as the present. Nationalist India feels that it has offered the hand of friendship to Britain and that the offer has been spurned. Where there might have been a generous gesture, there has been a conspicuous lack of statesmanship and vision. But, as Mahatma Gandhi says, the door is still left open for satisfying the national demand and averting a real crisis. A ray of hope and sunshine may yet penetrate the gloomy forebodings occasioned by the heavy rain at Wardha. —"Ceylon Observer."

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NOT IMPOSSIBLE

"A Soviet-Japanese deal at the expense of China is no more improbable than the now fully accomplished Soviet-German deal for the carving up of Poland. Certainly the United States would oppose any agreement which impaired China's sovereignty and integrity. Is it not just possible that the Soviet outbursts against America—apart from their connection with the European situation—are a propaganda smokescreen to cover some perfidious betrayal of China's struggle for her national independence?" — "China Weekly Reviewd."

WORTHY

The public must show itself worthy of its fighting men. It can do its best by a firm display of patience and a cheerful submission to the tasks imposed. We all know that great sacrifices will be required of us.—J. B. Firth.

SHIP'S GUNNERS FIGHT U-BOAT FOR FIVE HOURS

London, To-day.

DETAILS OF THE SINKING of three U-boats were released yesterday afternoon. The first U-boat was sunk by an outward bound merchant ship. The submarine broke surface and attacked. The ship's guns were manned and for five hours the vessel was manoeuvred in such a way that it sustained no serious damage itself.

The gunners, however, scored a direct hit on the U-boat and British destroyers, rushing hurriedly to the scene, completed its destruction.

The second U-boat was dealt with in a similar manner by a homeward bound ship. Both ships, curiously enough, were owned by the Pool Line, of Durham.

Details of the sinking of the third U-boat come from Lisbon, where the captain of the Norwegian ship Jenny (built in England) said that a U-boat stopped him and threatened to sink his ship if he did not hand over some food.

He complied with the order. Two British warships appeared on the scene shortly afterwards and dropped depth charges.

Large oil patches which came up to the surface indicated that the U-boat had been hit and destroyed. — Reuter.

GERMAN SHETLAND CLAIMS

London, To-day.

German assertions in connection with the air raids on the Shetland Isles and the full reply of Mr. Winston Churchill show that the main contentions of Mr. Churchill have been suppressed in Germany.

Mr. Churchill said the German air force had not attacked the British fleet, which had been waiting in the Firth of Forth for the past week.

The few German airmen who crossed the North Sea were careful to avoid the Firth of Forth and the Fleet defences, which inflicted such heavy losses before, and made for virtually uninhabited islands.

The German airmen failed to do any damage save shattering windows by bomb-blast, and the only casualty was one rabbit! — Reuter.

FORMAL DENIALS

London, To-day.

The Admiralty and Air Ministry deny Berlin reports that two flyingboats were destroyed in the air raid on the Shetlands on Monday. — Reuter.

OPERATIONS ON WESTERN FRONT

Paris, To-day.

Aerial activity on the Western Front is very quiet, owing to the bad weather. Heavy rain is turning low-lying regions into a bog. — Reuter.

Luxemburg, To-day.

Machine-gun fire lasting for four hours was clearly heard in Luxemburg on Tuesday-Wednesday night and there was again much machine-gun activity yesterday. — Reuter.

Paris, To-day.

Last night's French war communique stated: "There were patrol encounters and local artillery activity." —Reuter.

AMERICAN SHIPS FOR BELGIAN FLAG?

Brussels, To-day.

The Belgian Government is considering the possibility of allowing a certain number of American vessels, which are barred by the new Neutrality legislation from visiting European "combat areas" under the United States flag, to sail under Belgian colours.

This was announced by M. Marck, the Minister of Communications, in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday.—Reuter.

SWEDISH TALKS WITH NAZIS BREAK DOWN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

It is learned from a reliable source that the German-Swedish trade conversations have been unsuccessful and that several members of the German delegation have already left for Berlin.

Swedish quarters state that one of the reasons for failure was that the Reich presented demands with regard to the British blockade which Sweden was unable to accept. — Havas.

MINES IN SWEDISH WATERS ALSO A SNAG

Stockholm, To-day.

Trade negotiations between Germany and Sweden, which started on November 2, have been suspended over the question of Nazi mines in Swedish waters.

The negotiations will be continued after certain consultations have been made.

It is reported that the Germans notified Sweden that the German minefields would be extended within the 4-mile limit claimed by Sweden in the Sound.—Reuter.

GERMANS RELIEVE THE PRESSURE

Warsaw, To-day.

The Polish Police have been ordered to watch over the interests of the Poles. Henceforth, it is announced, the German Police will be available to watch over the interests of Germans only.—Reuter.

Miss Cheung Suk-ying, actress, residing at the Portland Theatre, Kowloon, reported last night that a watch, valued at $165, had been stolen from her bedroom.

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Guatemala, To-day.

The first plenary meeting of the Inter-American Financial Conference, comprising 19 nations, decided to form three committees which will be entrusted to examine the possibility of monetary stabilisation, on a gold basis, of all American Republics, the elimintion of economic barriers, and contact between central banks and the larger units to the South American Republics.

Mr. Herbert E. Gaston, head of the United States delegation, suggested that the conference study the possibility of financial agreements between American States, similar to the Anglo-American agreement, and stressed that all interested treasurers must keep the closest contact.—Havas.

JAP. ARMY AND SOVIET

Shanghai, To-day.

Reports originating in North China state that strong opposition has been voiced by the Kwantung Army Headquarters against any pact, other than a commercial agreement, between the Soviet and Japan.

Representatives of the Kwantung Army are now in Tokyo consulting the Japanese authorities. — Our Own Correspondent.

FOREIGN OFFICE MEETING

Tokyo, To-day.

The Foreign Minister, Admiral Nomura, yesterday afternoon invited M. Smetanin, the Soviet Ambassador, to the Foreign Office.

An exchange of views took place, it is learned, regarding the fisheries question and other issues pending between Japan and the Soviet Union. — Reuter.

FIFTEEN INTERNEES ESCAPE

A sensational escape by 15 inmates of the Chinese Soldiers Internment Camp was made last night.

Up to the time of going to press none have been re-arrested.

It was learned that the electric lights fused at 7 p.m. and about two hours later, when the fuse was fixed, the men were missing.

R.A.F. BRINGS BACK PICTURES

Paris, To-day.

"The Royal Air Force reconnaissance flights are of capital importance and a mass of information is being collected," said the French official wireless commentator yesterday morning.—Reuter.

SMUGGLING OF DUTCH UNIFORMS

Amsterdam, To-day.

Two brothers have been arrested at Kerkrade.

They are accused of trying to purchase and smuggle Dutch military uniforms across the German frontier.—Reuter.

U.S. SHIP TRANSFERS REFUSED

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT DISCUSSED ON TUESDAY PROPOSALS BY THE U.S. LINES TO TRANSFER 8 SHIPS TO THE PANAMA FLAG SO THAT THEY COULD TRADE WITH COMBATANT AREAS.

He would not say whether or not this would be permitted, but said that reporters could see which way the wind was blowing.

Meanwhile, the Maritime Commission has refused a request by the Pacific S.S. Line for their ships to be transferred to Panamanian registry. — Reuter.

POLISH LEADERS IN DISCUSSION

London, To-day.

The Polish Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary, who are at present in London as guests of the British Government, yesterday continued the the series of meetings with individual British Ministers, calling at the Air Ministry and the War Office.

During the day the Polish Ministers, accompanied by the Ambassador and the Polish Military Mission now in London, visited Whitehall to lay a wreath at the Cenotaph.

Last evening, General Sikorski entertained Lord Halifax to dinner at the Polish Embassy.—British Wireless.

T.U.C. LEADER AT PALACE

London, To-day.

The King yesterday received Mr. J. Hallsworth, Vice-Chairman of the T.U.C. General Council.

It will be recalled too that last week the King received Mr. W. Holmes, Chairman of the T.U.C.

The King also received yesterday morning Sir Lancelot Oliphant on his appointment as British Ambassador in Brussels.—British Wireless.

NEWS FOR TURKEY

London, To-day.

The B.B.C. will inaugurate a daily news bulletin in Turkish from Monday next.—British Wireless.

Bringing Up Father — **By George McManus**

"NOT IMPRESSED BY ARGUMENT"

(Continued from Page 4)

Hong Kong which has built up its importance as a trading and financial centre on the principle of freedom from Government restrictions upon the individual trader and his financial operations. The confidence thus created is essential to the prosperity of the Colony. There is real danger that a method of taxation ill-adapted to the special position of Hong Kong will destroy that confidence and seriously damage a delicate financial structure.

PORT FACILITIES

I would repeat again, Sir, it is of vital and paramount importance that the facilities of this Port be kept as free and cheap as possible.

The introduction of any measures that may endanger these facilities or become a means of restricting the movement of its Chinese traders will have the most disastrous effects. Trade driven from this Colony to competitors, who are only too anxious to obtain a share of our trade, will be extremely difficult to recover.

I am satisfied that suitable alternatives can be found for the object we all have in mind, and I associate myself with the Honourable Member who represents the Chamber of Commerce in his suggestion, that the Expert Committee now examining the Bill be given wider terms of reference.

There seems to be abroad in some circles a feeling that the British Community is unwilling to shoulder its proper responsibilities. I desire to associate myself with the remark made by the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell in this regard. There is no reluctance, as far as I am aware, to take our share in wartime responsibility of the Empire, but I do most strongly feel that the financial and commercial interests of the Colony and therefore its future prosperity will be adversely affected by the introduction of a levy in the form of the proposed Income Tax.

MR. LI TSE-FONG'S SPEECH

The Hon. Mr. Li Tse-fong criticised the lack of provision for model vernacular primary schools, quoting Mr. Burney: "It is evident that the Government's expenditure on Higher (including Secondary) Education, is out of proportion to its expenditure on primary education," urged the construction of small underground A.R.P. shelters for civilians who may be in the open in time of emergency, and declared that the imposition of Income Tax at the present juncture may inflict such damage to the vital interests of the Colony that it may not be able for a long time to regain its importance.

He continued:

No one who has listened to or read the Financial Secretary's speech of the 9th November could possibly fail to appreciate its brilliance as a debating effort. But if I may say so, his speech upon a close analysis is not covincing because it fails to deal adequately with the fundamental objection to the tax, namely, its effect on the Colony; and because it is devoted largely to an argument as to the absence or presence of administrative difficulties.

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The Honourable the Financial Secretary appears to have overlooked two very important observations of the Taxation Committee which, briefly summarised, are as follows:

(1) That the possibility of the successful working of the tax should first be the subject of a detailed investigation with the assistance of an expert preferably familiar with the collection of the tax in an eastern country.

(2) That it would be unwise to impose a tax of this nature until a substantial body of opinion in this Colony believes that the tax can be levied fairly and efficiently.

The Hon. Mr. Caine stresses the point that because the exchange rate of the Hong Kong dollar has been stable for the last few weeks at about the highest limit permitted under the stabilization scheme, there has been no substantial outward movement of capital. It is well known that the exchange rate of the Hong Kong dollar is subject to fluctuation caused by many factors which I need not enumerate, and I do not think that it can be taken as any evidence indicating the movement of capital. In this connection I need only point out that the exchange rate of our dollar in term of the Chinese dollar has depreciated quite substantially since the 12th October.

I have no actual figures available but I have reason to believe that since Income Tax was mooted, the amount of Chinese currency notes that have been shipped out of the Colony has been on the average of about a million dollars a day which constitutes a heavy inroad on the floating capital of the Colony. In addition there is that invisible flight of capital through transactions in sterling operated between here and other financial centres.

The Honourable the Financial Secretary was somewhat caustic in his criticism of arguments advanced against the imposition of Income Tax, because of the difficulties of administration, and he saw fit to set his knowledge against that of the Honourable Senior Chinese unofficial member as to how Chinese accounts are kept. I am sure that my Senior Chinese Colleague did not intend to weave a net of mystery about Chinese accounting as if he were trying to defend it in that way. It is fundamentally different in a manner that it is not easy to describe. Those, who have occasionally to construe it, as for instance in the courts of law or in bankruptcy, know how difficult it is to reconcile it with modern accounting methods.

COMPLEX SYSTEM

There is one aspect with which the Honourable the Financial Secretary has not dealt adequately and which should be weighed strongly against Income Tax as a temporary war measure. I refer to the matter of organisation. As Income Tax is in reality a complex system of taxation, the organisation of the new administrative forces for its collection will require a good deal of time and the normal revenue-yielding power will only be reached many months or perhaps years after its enactment. By the time the new machinary is in working order the war may have ended or be near its end. The more I think of this aspect of the question, the more I fail to understand why Government should choose Income Tax to finance the war budget.

With reference to Mr. Caine's observation that the Chinese members have made no specific suggestions for alternative taxes I would like to point out that in his speech the Honourable Senior Unofficial Member made it quite clear that he was speaking with the unanimous support of all the Unofficial Members when he asked Government for the appointment of a committee to consider and make recommendation for suitable alternatives. My Chinese Colleague and I have therefore decided not to make separate suggestion in that regard.

I will now close by paying a tribute to the Honourable the Financial Secretary for the public spirit and unselfish sentiment expressed in the final paragraph of his speech. To meet his laudable wish I think that Government can easily devise a scheme whereby all Government servants whose salaries reach certain figure should be subjected to a special levy as a war contribution.

If Government were to adopt such a scheme I feel sure the Public will readily and cheerfully submit to some alternative taxes which, while enabling us to make a substantial contribution to the Imperial Government, would not be injurious to the Colony as would be the introduction of Income Tax.

SOUTH AFRICA'S GIFT TO FUND

London, To-day.

Mr. Waterson, High Commissioner for South Africa, yesterday presented the Lord Mayor of London with a cheque for £20,000 for his Red Cross fund.

The South African Red Cross, which gave the money, desires it to be used for the purchase of four motor ambulances, to be named after the provinces of Transvaal, Cape of Good Hope, Natal and Orange Free State.—Reuter.

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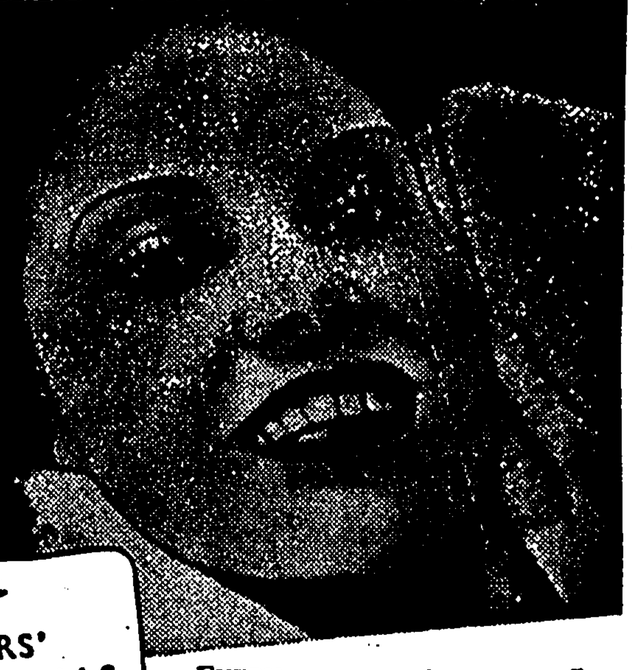

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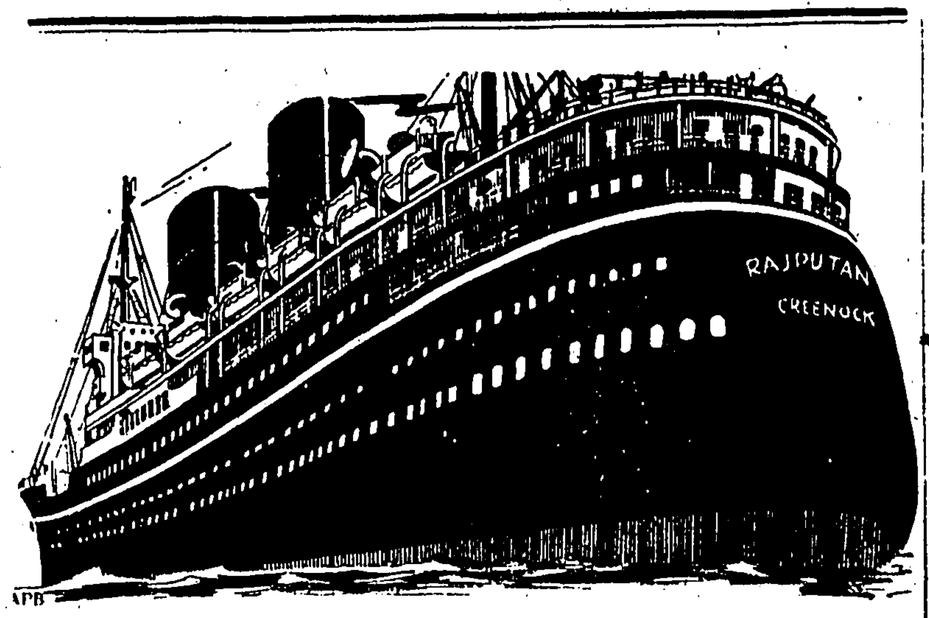

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Apart from the main training centre in Canada, where 2,000 recruits are now training, with a waiting list of between 10,000 and 15,000, there are

Training stations for Indian air force pilots in India, where the native Princes have given large sums for the development of air defence.

The Nizam of Hyderabad is financing an entire air force squadron.

IRAQ AND EGYPT

Pilots are also being instructed in Iraq, where fuel is immediately available.

A number of pupils from Australia and New Zealand will be trained in Egypt, both under exceptionally favourable climatic conditions.

In comparison, Germany is unfavourably placed, having to train pilots during the winter, flying home aircraft and using up her limited stocks of fuel.—Reuter.

WEEK'S TOUR OF FRONT

London, To-day.

The representatives of the Dominion and Indian Governments, who have been on a visit to France with Mr. Anthony Eden, Secretary for the Dominions, arrived back in England yesterday.

The visit has lasted nearly a week. —British Wireless.

SIR JOHN SIMON TO READ STATEMENT

London, To-day.

The Premier's weekly statement on the progress of the war will be read by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the Commons to-day owing to the continued indisposition of Mr. Chamberlain who, however, is making satisfactory progress. — British Wireless.

BRITISH CONTRABAND SEIZURES

London, To-day.

In the first ten war weeks the British contraband control has detained 427,000 tons of contraband.

During the week ended November 11, 6,000 tons of goods suspected of being destined for Germany were detained.

The total included 2,200 tons of copra, 1,350 tons of coffee and 380 tons of ores and metals.

During the same period the Contraband Committee considered 108 new cases of ships and 86 cases outstanding from the previous week. Two cargoes were wholly seized.

Besides the scheme for obtaining an advance copy of manifests, arrangements to minimise delay include allowing an item of suspected cargo to continue the voyage, the owners having guaranteed to hold it until a decision has been reached and return it to Britain if required.

The combined total of ships dealt with in this week included 32 British 29 Italian, 27 Dutch, 21 Norwegian the remainder consisting of other nationalities.

On November 14 there were 94 neutral ships in three control bases in the United Kingdom 48 of which had been there less than one week. —British Wireless.

Shanghai, To-day.

The British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr, arrived here at 3 p.m. yesterday. — Our Own Correspondent.

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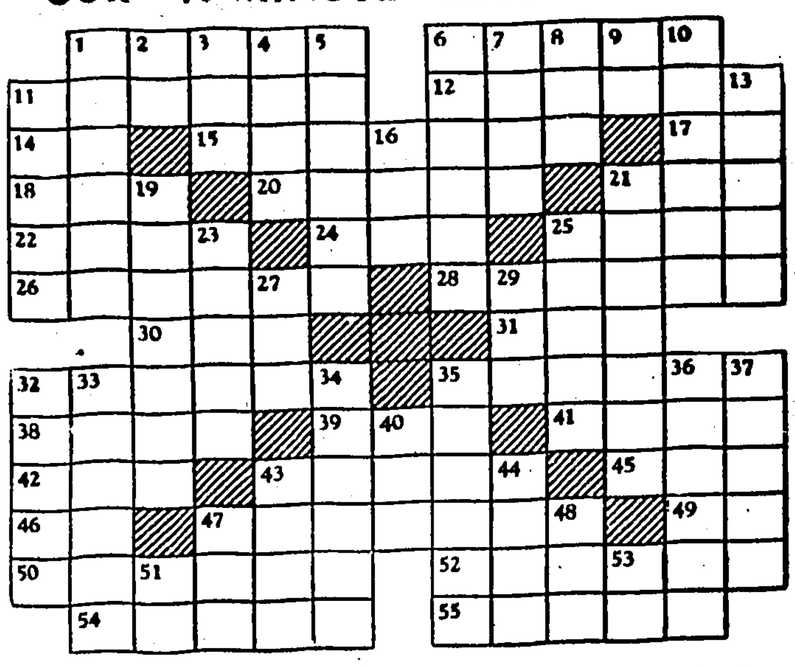

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25 Two-wheeled vehicle
26 Line of descent
28 Rages
30 Alcoholic liquor
31 Lubricate
32 Gastropod mollusks
35 Spanish title
38 Consumes
39 Event
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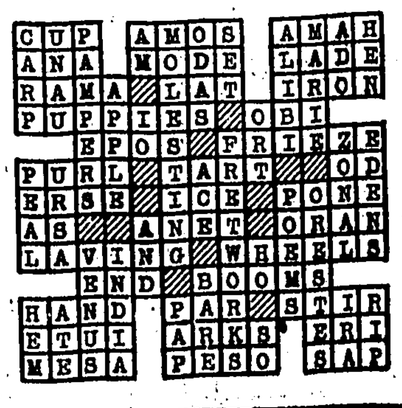

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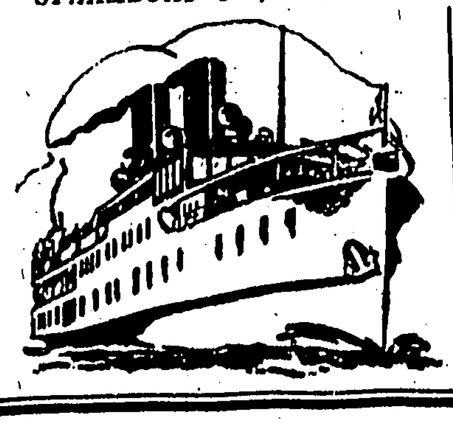

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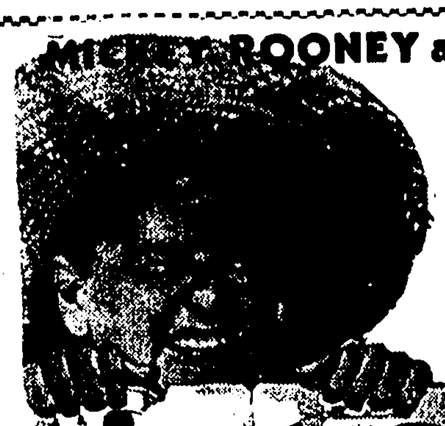

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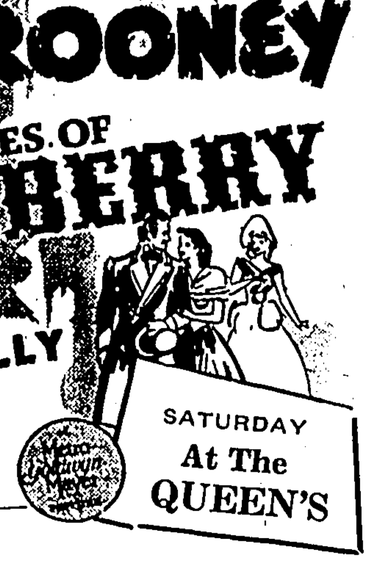

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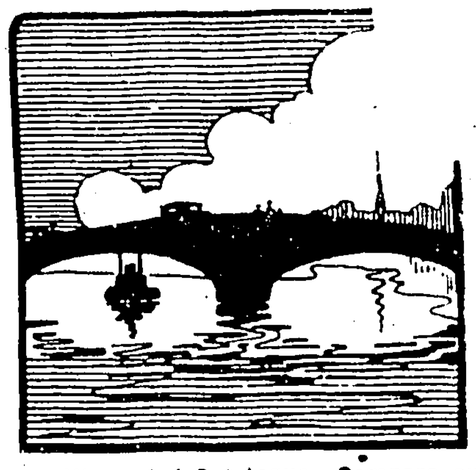

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Kowloon won on two of the three rinks, H. H. Pegg for Government beating T. Gibson by two shots while His Excellency the Governor though trailing for the greater part of the game did well in the latter stages of the game to lose by only 4 shots against B. D. Evans.

His Excellency's rink was being led at the interval by 11 shots to 6. A four on the 15th head still kept them within striking distance but Kowloon scored a five on the next head. Kowloon only scored a single on the remaining head while the opposition scored a two, a three and a single.

By the interval Pegg had established a commanding lead of 16—5 but fell off badly after that and at the 19th head was only leading 19—17. Both scored a two on the remaining heads.

Chittenden had a runaway win against the Chief Justice's rink. He scored on 15 heads which included two sixes and two fives.

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P. Morgan		A. E. Milne	
R. Hughes		S. H. Dodwell	
V. Chittenden (Skip)	41	Sir A. MacGregor (Skip)	8
C. Pile		E. P. C. Collin	
T. White		R. E. Lindsell	
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T. Gibson (Skip)	19	H. H. Pegg (Skip)	21
Totals	81		46

MARGARINE THEFT

Chan Wan, 25, mess boy, was charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest to-day, with stealing margarine from Victoria Barracks.

A pig-wash coolie, Tsang Wah, was charged with receiving.

Inspector A. V. Baker said second defendant was arrested in Queen's Road East yesterday, with the margarine concealed under some bread. He told the Police first defendant gave it to him.

Chan was fined $6 and Tsang $2.

ORDERS HELD UP BY FORMALITY

LOS ANGELES, TO-DAY.

A SPOKESMAN OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIAN AVIATION FACTORIES DISCLOSED YESTERDAY THAT BRITISH AND FRENCH WAR ORDERS ARE BEING HELD UP, PENDING A RULING FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT ON WHAT CONSTITUTES CASH AND CARRY UNDER THE NEW NEUTRALITY LEGISLATION.

The representatives of five major aviation manufacturers are at present in Washington conferring with State Department officials.

Negotiations for Britain's $24,000,000 order for 800 fighters, from the North American Aviation Company, are also reported to be in abeyance in New York pending the ruling. —Reuter.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-7/8.

Spot silver was quoted at 23-3/6 and forward at 23-7/16.

The London on New York cross rate was quoted at £—U.S.$4.02 and New York on London at £—U.S.$3.94.

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NOTICE

THE TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Head Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 22nd December, 1939, at 12 o'clock (Noon), for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the financial year ended 30th September, 1939, and electing Directors and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS AND REGISTER OF SHAREHOLDERS will be closed from Friday, 1st December, 1939, to Friday, 22nd December, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

JOHN V. BRAGA,
Acting Secretary.

Hong Kong, 15th. Nov., 1939.

ALLIED NAVAL COHESION

London, To-day.

In the opinion of many competent uthorities on naval questic s the close co-operation of t e French and British navies—to which Mr. Winston Churchill referred in his recent broadcast — is likely to prove one of the decisive factors of the war.

Anglo-French naval co-operation was of course planned before the outbreak of war.

The exchange of visits of French and British warships to each other's ports this summer was an example of the close touch being maintained between the administrations of the two navies.

The result was that when war was forced upon the Western Democracies by Hitler, plans for close naval co-operation between the Allied navies were in existence and ready to be put into immediate execution.

FIRM BASIS

There was a firm basis of understanding between the personnel of the two navies.

When war broke out the French navy at once took over control of certain patrol zones.

In these zones units of the French navy were constantly at sea hunting German submarines, protecting the seaborne commerce of the Allies and sweeping German trade off the seas.

Meanwhile the French navy, like that of Great Britain, was being expanded upon a war footing.

Numbers of vessels with normally peaceful careers were taken over and fitted out as reinforcements for the fleet.

Notable among these were a number of large and exceptionally seaworthy trawlers which are now playing an important part with the patrolling forces.

DOVETAILED SCHEME

With the expansion the French navy has increased its co-operation. The French patrol zones were widened and they have now been largely merged into the British zones so that the French and British patrols are working in a closely dovetailed scheme.

Some convoys are operated entirely by the French navy.

Others are under the protection of the French navy during part of the voyage.

Others again have escorts provided by both the French and British fleets.

The French navy is also playing a notable part in circumscribing the activities of German surface raiders.

POCKET-BATTLESHIPS

That the two German pocket-battleships which are at large have done so very little damage to the seaborne trade of the Allies must be ascribed to their reluctance to risk being brought to action not only by British naval units but also by French naval units.

The co-operation of the two Allied navies in the control of the seas is corstantly under review and there is reason to believe that the French navy's contribution to the Allied war effort at sea may increase still further — not in order to reduce the burden which lies on the British navy but to make even more effective the Allied command of the seas and to reply to the German war upon merchant vessels. — British Wireless.

JAP. CASUALTIES

Hingtsi, To-day.

The Japanese suffered 10,000 casualties during the recent fighting in southeast Shansi, according to arrivals from Taiyuan.—Central News.

PAKHOI REPORTED STILL HELD BY CHINESE

Kwong Chow Wan, To-day.

PAKHOI WAS STILL in Chi nese hands last night but the Japanese were reported steadily advancing moving warily because of land mines.

Gunfire was audible in the city, indicating that the Japanese are meeting some resistance on the outskirts.

All day yesterday, Japanese warships poured shell after shell into country ahead of the Japanese troops, under directions from several Japanese scouting planes.

The Japanese, it is now confirmed, landed on the coast north-west of Pakhoi and their operations obviously aim at forcing the Chinese to withdraw from the city without fighting.

They are striking in a northerly direction, taking them behind Pakhoi, which would cut off the line of retreat of the garrison.

Kwangsi reinforcements from Nanning and Kweilin are on their way to the new war zone.

YAMCHOW LANDING

The Japanese effected another landing on the coast between Yamchow and Pakhoi yesterday.

At 3 p.m., under cover of warships, several hundred troops went ashore at Lungmun, just below Yamchow.

Strong resistance is being encountered in this sector. — Our Own Correspondent.

SIANGNING RETAKEN

Hingtsi, Shensi, To-day.

The Chinese made a triumphant re-entry into Siangning, in west Shansi, at 6.40 p.m. on Tuesday evening, according to a military report from the front.

The beleaguered Japaneses attempted to break the Chinese siege on Tuesday morning. A fierce battle has fought at Pingyuantsun.—Central News.

CANADIANS FLOCK TO COLOURS

Ottawa, To-day.

Over 10,000 offers for military service have been received by the Voluntary Service Registration Bureau and referred to the Department of National Service.

This figure, of course, does not include the thousands who have enlisted, or tried to enlist, for active service.

Numerous offers have been pouring in to the Royal Canadian Army Medical Service, including offers from other parts of the Empire and nurses from the United States. The R.C.A.M.S. is receiving vigorous support from Canada's doctors.—Reuter.

SHAKESPEARE WOULD TURN IN HIS GRAVE!

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6.45 p.m.—Studio—Children's Hour.
6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.47 p.m. — Selections from Light Opera.
"The Gypsy Princess" — Selection (Kalman).....De Groot & The New Victoria Orchestra.
"Die Fledermaus"—Vocal Gems (J. Strauss).....Grand Opera Company with Orchestra.
7.04 p.m.—Chopin — Les Sylphides—Ballet Music. London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Walter Goehr.
7.15 p.m.—Chausson — Symphony In B Flat Major, Op. 20. Orchestre de la Societe des Concerts du Conservatoire conducted by Piero Coppola.
7.50 p.m.—Songs by Ninon Vallin (Soprano).
"Les Pecheurs De Perles" (Bizet)—Cavatinè de Leila: Comme autrefois dans la nuit sombre; C'est lui mes yeux l'ont reconnu.
L'Adorable Cantilene (Chapelle-Spencer).
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—D'Indy—Suite for Flute, Violin, Viola, Violoncello and Harp. Op. 91. Quintette Instrumental De Paris.
8.20 p.m.—Studio—A Chopin Recital by Ruth Litvin at the Piano.
(1) Prelude, Op. 28, No. 20 in C Minor; (2) Prelude, Op. 28, No. 13 in F Sharp Major; (3) Mazurka, Op. 6, No. 1 in F Sharp Minor: (4) Fantasie, Impromptu, Op. 66 in C Sharp Minor; (5) Nocturne, Op. 55, No. 1 in F Minor.
8.45 p.m.—Studio—"Education in Hong Kong": A Retrospect.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.30 p.m.—The Don Cossack Singers.
9.47 p.m.—Light Orchestral Selections.
10.00 p.m.—Dance Music.
10.30 p.m.—London Relay—Commentary on Boxing Match by J. Glendenning.
11.00 p.m. — London Relay — Talk "Background to News".
11.15 p.m.—Close down.

Winning CONTRACT

(By The Four Aces)

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A DEFENSIVE MISTAKE

With a partial score of 40 East thought it was a good time to throw in a shut-out bid of three diamonds. South, with his fine hand, refused to be quelled. He tried three hearts and West boomed fourth a double. South didn't care for this so he tried three spades and, when West again doubled, there was nothing to do but take him medicine.

East, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable
East-West 40 on score

North: ♠ 8 7 6 5 ♡ 4 ◇ 9 8 6 8 3 ♣ 10 7 6
West: ♠ K J 10 2 ♡ A K 9 6 ◇ 7 4 ♣ 8 5 3
East: ♠ 3 ♡ J 7 5 ◇ A K Q J 10 ♣ Q J 4 3
South: ♠ A Q 9 4 ♡ Q 10 8 3 ◇ 5 ♣ A K 9

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
3◇	3♡	Dbl.	Pass
Pass	3♠	Dbl.	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened a diamond. East won and returned his only trump. When South played low, West won with the ten and played his remaining diamond. South trumped and now played the Queen of hearts. At this point West should have led a trump, even though it was directly into the Ace-Queen (this play would have set the contract); but instead he shifted to a club. South captured East's Jack, trumped a heart, then led a club from dummy and finessed the nine. A second heart was trumped, then the third club trick cashed and still another heart trumped in dummy.

HIGH CARD VALUES OF THE FOUR-ACES SYSTEM
ACE 3
KING 2
QUEEN 1
JACK 0

At this point Declarer held the Ace-Queen of spades and a heart, whereas West still had his three trumps. A diamond was now played from dummy. South discarded his heart, and of course poor West was forced to trump. Now West, who previously had refused to lead into the Ace-Queen of spades, was forced to do so, thereby giving Declarer his contract.

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Saturday, with neither side vulnerable, you were Howard Schenken's partner and held:

♠ Q x x x ♡ x ◇ x x x x ♣ Q x x x

The bidding:

Burnstone	Schenken	Maier	You
1♡	1♠	2♡	(?)

ANSWER: Your correct bid is two spades. Your hand is worthless defensively, and it appears likely that your opponents will reach a four-heart contract, in which case your spade raise will give your partner a chance to sacrific at four spades if he desires.

Score 100% for two spades, 60% for pass, 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION NO. 259

Neither side is vulnerable. You are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and hold:

♠ x ♡ A K x x ◇ x x x x ♣ Q 10 x x

The bidding:

Burnstone	Maier	You	Jacoby
1♠	2♣	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

ARMY HOCKEY

H.K.S.R.A. TROUNCE SIGNALS

Combining well in all departments, especially in the intermediate line, a team from the H.K.S.R.A. had no difficulty in defeating a weak team from R.C. of S. by nine clear goals yesterday afternoon at Chatham Road ground in a friendly hockey matcn after leading three goals at the interval.

The winners played fast hockey and kept Signals on the defensive throughout.

Cpl. Blount and C.Q.M.S. Sayers were given a harrassing time by the opposing forwards, while Signaller Cleggett, performed quite well in goal — large score notwithstanding.

Capt. Godby opened the scoring and M. Singh, inside right, and D. Singh, inside left, each added a goal before the interval.

On the resumption, K. Bux, right wing, who scored three quick goals, registered a "hat-trick", and netted the final goal for the winners just before the end.

Other two goals were scored by D. Singh, who was well supported by Capt. Godby.

The only prominent players for the losers were Griffith, right half, Medford, on the left wing, Ashford, centre-forward, and Cleggett, the goalie.

H.K.S.R.A.—L. Khan; M. Hanif and D. Muhd; A. Rahman, D. Khan and M. Newaz; K. Bux, M. Singh, Capt. Godby, D. Singh and N. Muhd.

R.C.S. — Signaller Cleggett; Cpl. Blount and C.Q.M.S. Sayers; Sgr. Griffith, Cpl. Holland and Cpl. Goldman; Sgr. Wilkins, Sgr. Thowler, Cpl. Ashford, Cpl. Rumford, and Sgr. Medford.

An optimist is he who thinks there's no question about his word being law in his own household.

Mrs. Redmond with a card of 92 (15) 77 won the Silver Division of the L.G.U. Medal Round on November 14. Mrs. Sherry with a score of 95 (32) 63 won the Bronze Division.

Entries are invited for the Taggart Cup, which is open to the wives and daughters of resident members of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club. The entry list will close on November 30.

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OUR RACING FEATURE

"Rapier's" discussion of racing prospect, commencing to-morrow, will appear fortnightly on that day instead of Thursdays as hitherto.

Reviews of each race meeting will appear on Wednesdays following the meetings.

BRILLIANT TACKLING BY BAX

(By "SCRUM-HALF")

Club "A" recorded their first win of the season yesterday when they beat a very weak Navy "A" fifteen by two goals, a dropped goal and two tries (20 points) to a try (3 points) in a scrappy game at the Valley.

Only features of the game were Bax's brilliant tackling at full-back for Navy—he grassed Van Leeuwen three times in succession when that player was going at full speed for the line—and the determined running of Carruthers, who received little support in the Club threequarter line, though Taylor was up with him once for a certain try, only to see Carruthers run away from him and be tackled in possession.

Carter played a hard game for Navy, but his back division was too inexperienced to give him the support needed.

THE SCORING

Lavalle, Carruthers and Van Leeuwen scored tries for Club in the first half, Burford converting the last one to give Club an interval lead of 11—3 Navy scoring through Carter, who failed to convert from a comparatively easy position. In the second half Lavalle went over between the posts for Burford to land the goal points and Walkden dropped a goal. Carter failed to kick a penalty goal from 15 yards in front of the posts.

Stout failed to convert Lavalle's first try between the posts, again having his kick charged down. It is time he realized that he must take the kick from further back.

Richardson took Taylor's place in the second half and went to full-back, Walkden going to wing threequarter.

C. Austin refereed and the teams were:

Club "A":—Walkden; Van Leeuwen, Lavalle, Carruthers and Taylor; Charter and Bidwell; Heasman, Burford, Wanklyn, Hynes, Roscoe, Moodie, Stout and Benn.

Navy "A":—Bax; Bowden, Lord, McCall and Pepper; Carter and Catcheside; Barlow, Dixon, Davis, Jeffrey, Foster, Palmer, Jefferies and Wilkie.

POLICE WIN

Playing a much improved game, Police defeated Middlesex Regiment by a try scored by Taylor early in the first half.

Police were much the superior team and had most of the play, Taylor and Leslie having hard luck in not adding to the score when in favourable positions, while Taylor failed in two attempts to kick penalty goals.

The Police defence played well, but there is still room for improvement at forward.

Wall and Luscombe both played soundly, while at forward Heath, Cullinan and Riddell were outstanding.

Taylor, wing threequarter, was fast and made the best use of the ball when in possession.

Middlesex were often beaten in the line-outs and in the scrums, and were often caught offside. Hewitt was the pick of their forwards.

TEAMS FOR SATURDAY

Following will represent Club and Army against Navy and Police on Saturday: Lang (Army); Stewart (Club), Charter (Club), Bidwell (Club) and Richards (Army); Cessford (Club) and Henderson (Club); Cuthbertson (Army), Castleton (Club), Walkden (Club), Needham (Club), Duke (Army), Godfrey (Club), Ridsdale (Army) and Taylor (Club).

Prominent absentees are Waite (Army), Peers (Club) and Pinkerton (Army).

Police-Navy:—Wall(Police); Surg. Lt. Cochrane (Navy); Lt. Carter (Navy), Tel. Paul (Navy) and D. H. Taylor (Police); B. C. Fay (Police) and E. C. Luscombe (Police); Ldg. Sig. Inglis (Navy); Flt. Lt. Taylor (Navy), Lt. (E) Brown (Navy); R. J. Cullinan (Police), Dempsey (Police); Lt. Johns (Navy), Lt. Bayley (Navy) and H. W. E. Heath (Police).

ARMY "A" TEAM

The following will represent Army "A" against Navy "A" at Causeway Bay on Saturday at 3 p.m. L/C Pickton; Sig. Willis, L/C Waite, L/C. Boe and Bomdr. Marsh; Lieut. G. W. Hook, L/C Smith; Pte. Berry, Lieut. A. G. Hewitt, L/C Apperley; Gnr. Cook, Gnr. Whitehead; Sergt. Page, Cpl. Brinkley and Sergt. Burrell. Reserves: L/Bomdr. Evans, Sapper Martin and Gnr. Easterbrook.

Wealth Of Talent At Club De Recreio

(By "ADREM")

ALTHOUGH VOLUNTEER CAMPS and University examinations have caused some delay, first League badminton matches will start on Wednesday when the season can be said to be officially under way.

One has heard little about badminton thus far but although there has been little evidence of activity except at Kowloon Cricket Club and Club de Recreio, number of entries to the various divisions of the League indicate that preparations are going on behind the scenes.

In recent seasons I have heard complaints that the apparent lack of interest in badminton by the Press has had a great deal to do with the perceptible falling-off in interest.

This might be a good time to get matters straightened out. All players will appreciate the difficulties that attend the "covering" of League badminton. Although various movies dealing with newspaper life might have given the impression that newspaper men never sleep—during the night in any event—I can assure badminton players that even these much maligned gentry occasionally go to bed before cock-crow!

If therefore badminton players want "coverage" the newspapers—this one at any rate—would like to co-operate. It is obvious, however, that some assistance is necessary.

While it might be possible to cover one, or even two matches in the course of the evening, it is inconsiderate if not impossible to send reporters all over the Colony with games finishing round about 11 p.m.

If club secretaries will send in results of their games before 9.30 on the morning following, together with any notes they might care to include on the players, we will insure that they get the space such games warrant. The sending in of teams before games would also be of considerable assistance in giving write-ups on prospects.

Having settled that—I hope!—we will proceed on a tour of clubs and see what there is to report.

I regret to state that I have not managed to get anything from University. The badminton man at this institution is always difficult to contact at the best of times and now, I understand, examinations are either in progress or looming large upon the horizon so it is harder than usual.

VARSITY AT FULL STRENGTH

So far as I have been able to gather, University have not lost many of their stars among the men. In regard to mixed doubles, I foresee difficulties. They were never particularly well-served with regard to girl players and now that Miss Joyce Anderson has left they will probably have to train someone up to take her place. Both Miss Ulian Koo and Miss Josephine Choa are in the Colony and available.

A very brief visit to King's Park sufficed to ascertain that Recreio will, as usual, have more difficulty in deciding who to leave out rather than who to fill up with.

The younger players, however, have not made sufficient progress as yet to displace any of the old hands and the senior men's team is therefore likely to be much the same as last season. It will probably be selected from the following:—M. A. Oliveira, J. J. Remedios, L. A. Carvalho, A. M. Silva, A.M. Rodrigues, C. C. Pereira, N. A. Beltrao and H. A. Barros.

PROMISING NEWCOMERS

The "B" team should be particularly strong. Players who have advanced their games considerably and are likely to play in this division are R. Marques and P. A. Yvanovich, although their acquisition is likely to be somewhat off-set by the departure of C. N. da Silva for the revived V.R.C. team, which has re-entered "B" Division after an absence of a season; presumably M. M. de V. Soares will also turn out for his old love.

There is sufficient talent among the girls to have entered two teams in the Ladies' League had this venture not been dropped so it follows that two fairly powerful Mixed teams should be got together.

Prominent newcomers to swell the ranks are Miss Maggie Xavier, former Kowloon Tong star, and Miss Cynthia Silva, able to play once again after being under doctor's orders for a couple of seasons.

Others available are Miss Mylthie Silva, Miss Olga Ribeiro, Miss M. Ribeiro, Miss S. Remedios and Mrs. L. A. Carvalho (nee A. Remedios) among others.

SHOULD DO WELL

Chung Wah, winners of "B" Division last season, have been promoted and judging from their performances towards the latter part of their programme last year, should do very well. I understand that all their old players are available, while W. C. Choy, formerly of St. Andrew's, is also throwing in his lot with them.

At the moment I have no details of other senior clubs with whom I will deal in a later article.

CROWN OFFERED TO C.B. FRY

"I was a great deal nearer a crown than happens to the majority of people not born in the purple," writes C. B. Fry in his entertaining book ("Life Worth Living." Eyre and Spottiswoode 12s. 6d).

The crown was that of Albania. His view is that at the end of the last war the Albanians had decided that the best they could do for a king was an English country gentleman with £10,000 a year. Among its duties at Geneva the Albanian deputation seeking admittance to the League of Nations was charged with the task of finding somebody with these qualifications.

C. B. Fry was questioned by Prince Ranjitsinhji—for whom he claims to have written the speech which turned Signor Mussolini out of Corfu — as to whether he would care to be King of Albania. He accepted; he was willing to be king of any willing nation.

He describes, in his own inimitable manner, his interview with a Christian bishop, who was the head man of the deputation. In the largest salon in the "Hotel de la Paix," which was adorned with all the best furniture in the hotel, Fry received the bishop, whom he describes as the nearest replica of W. G. Grace he had ever seen.

Ranjitsinhji entered the room and Fry retired. How long he remained as first candidate for the crown of Albania he does not know. But he concludes: "If I had really pressed Ranji to promote me, it is quite on the cards that I should have been King of Albania yesterday, if not to-day."

The book reveals the author as a more versatile personality than even his most fervent admirers might have guessed.

ST. TERESA'S SHOULD DO WELL IN "B" DIVISION

(By "ADREM")

A NOTABLE FEATURE of last season was the great improvement in standard of "B" Division of the Men's League.

This season an even higher mark is likely to be set. V.R.C., an extremely sporting team, K.C.C. and St. Teresa's have entered, while Chung Wah have gone into the senior division.

As far as I can make out all the old teams will be participating.

In the absence of Chung Wah, St. John's, winners the season before last, will start favourites. St. Andrew's will be somewhat weakened as will Kowloon Tong, among last season's title challengers, but the potentialities of St. Teresa's must not be disregarded and I shall not be surprised if they win the shield in their debut year, thus emulating Chung Wah's feat of last season.

John Chen, Francis Tsang, Peter Lo and Joe Tsang will form the nucleus of their team and as all these players have had considerable experience of the game both in Malaya and locally, they should be a difficult side to beat, provided their remaining players are not too weak.

St. John's will have much the same team, their star players being Frank and David Kwok, Peter Wilson, Norman Smith and R. Beavan. A League newcomer F. Maynard will probably complete the team in the absence of S. Newman, who is away from the Colony.

For their mixed team they have Mrs. Peggy Wilson, Mrs. Pennby, Mrs. Saunders, a newcomer who plays a fair game, and Mrs. Nancy Strange.

MANY ON LEAVE

It is difficult to estimate St. Andrew's capabilities as yet owing to the fact that so many of their team are on leave. E. F. Fincher and A. S. Ellis, however, are due back in the next few days, and Henry Kew returns next month from Australia.

Of the others F. V. Wong is laid up and is unlikely to play at all, while as mentioned elsewhere, W. C. Choy has sought greener spheres. A. E. Ohlfs and W. M. Smith, who met with some success last season are both, I understand, available and the former has been practising assiduously.

Kowloon Tong have lost the greater part of their old team to St. Teresa's but have enough players of the old order left to make some sort of a showing. R. H. Lee, Peter Fletcher, N. A. E. Mackay, A. H. H. Castro, Lee Kam-ming, and several newcomers will probably carry their colours.

Last but not least we have Kowloon Cricket Club, who will be managed by A. L. Fisher, formerly of the Free Lances.

PROSPECTS FOR FUTURE

There is great keenness at this club which should bear fruit later in the season when some of the players who are now comparative novices should be getting the hang of the game.

Of their experienced players there are A. E. P. Guest, one time First Division player, A. L. Fisher, P. Wynter-Blyth, A. Kevan and possibly J. L. Anderson later on, while S. A. Grey, who was greatly responsible for the introduction of the sport in the Colony, may be persuaded to [illegible] More about [illegible] been seen in action.

MATCH DAYS AND THE HANDBOOK

(By "ADREM")

For the information of badminton secretaries the following are the days on which League games will be played: Mondays, "A" Division; Wednesdays, "B" Division; Fridays, Mixed Doubles. Starting times of all matches will be 8 p.m.

I am informed that the handbook should be ready in the not too distant future and copies will be distributed to all clubs.

SPORTS PARADE

OUTSTANDING performance in the week-end soccer programme was that of Kowloon, who maintained their unbeaten record in defeating Middlesex by 3 goals to 1 at Sookunpoo.

True, Kowloon did not have many scoring opportunities, but they took full advantage of the few that came their way.

Middlesex were unlucky not to have scored when they hit the cross bar with Smith hopelessly beaten, but the sterling defensive work of Everest and Ulrich prevented them from being really dangerous.

Ulrich was in great form and cleared powerfully, while Williamson, the pivot, in his own company, did well.

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ST. Joseph's nearly created a surprise when they scored two quick goals against Royal Scots on their ground but unable to maintain that lead were forced to a two-all draw.

Pereira, who has little time for training, did well in the forward line where he was a real danger and combined well with Leonard.

Hussain, at centre half, appears to have regained his old form and was a great stumbling-block in the defence.

Hossack scored both goals for Royal Scots but the constant attention paid him rendered him less effective than usual.

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Eastern lost a valuable point when they drew with Police at Boundary Street, being greatly upset by the fast tackling of the Police defence where Gough and Pope formed a stout barrier to their raids. Behind them Blackburn and Pile did not place a foot wrong while MacHardy, in goal, gave as good a display as he has ever done.

Eastern had more of the play but faulty shooting cost them the points. With Hau Ching-to held by Pope and Tham Joe-tack and Cheung Kung-kum unable to make much headway against Gough, Eastern were hurried in their parting shots which often went wide. * * *

Several upsets featured the junior programme where Eastern lost their unbeaten record to South China in Second Division, and Service Corps beat the hitherto unbeaten South China team in Third Division.

5th A.A., R.A. registered their first win while Signals showed improved form to beat Air Force.

Lapsley played a great game for Kowloon Juniors against the Engineers and saved his side from a greater defeat.

Shaw was the outstanding player for the Sappers. Playing at centre-half he played good football and kept his forwards fed with good passes.

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TAYLOR of Signals presented a great obstacle to Air Force forwards, while Brackenbury, in the intermediate-line instead of the attack, played a good game.

Gash, the Air Force goal-keeper brought off several good saves.

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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, ($200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements. N.	S.	E	W	Contents in Square feet		Upset Price
1	Inland Lot No. 5711.	Adjoining Inland Lot No. 4993, Blue Pool Road, Wong Nei Chung.	ft	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 20,800	$382	$10,400
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Hong Kong, 13th Nov., 1939.

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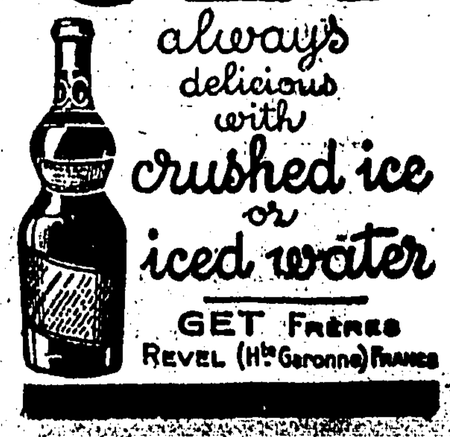


MINISTERS' TOUR OF FRONT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

MR. ANTHONY EDEN, the British Dominions Secretary, and the Dominions representatives yesterday visited the front sector manned by British troops and then visited the Alsace front.

They lunched with the general commanding the sector on one of the fortifications 115 feet below ground.

Mr. Eden told Havas: "We are returning to London more impressed than ever with France's defensive power and the magnificent state of preparation of its army."

Mr. T. A. Crerar, the Canadian Minister of Mines, said: "Canada will give the most efficacious aid possible to the Allies."

The Australian General Northcote: declared "I am returning shortly at the head of the Australian contingent."—Havas.

ALLEGATION FANTASTIC

HELSINKI, TO-DAY.

RUSSIAN SUGGESTIONS THAT FINLAND IS IN ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES WERE DESCRIBED AS FANTASTIC BY M. PASSAKIVI, IN AN INTERVIEW.

He declared that the economic pressure of the Soviet was having no effect on Finland and the country was taking full precautions to meet other possible difficulties.—Reuter.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that a ridge of moderately high pressure extends from the Yangtse Valley to the Pacific eastward of the Bonins.

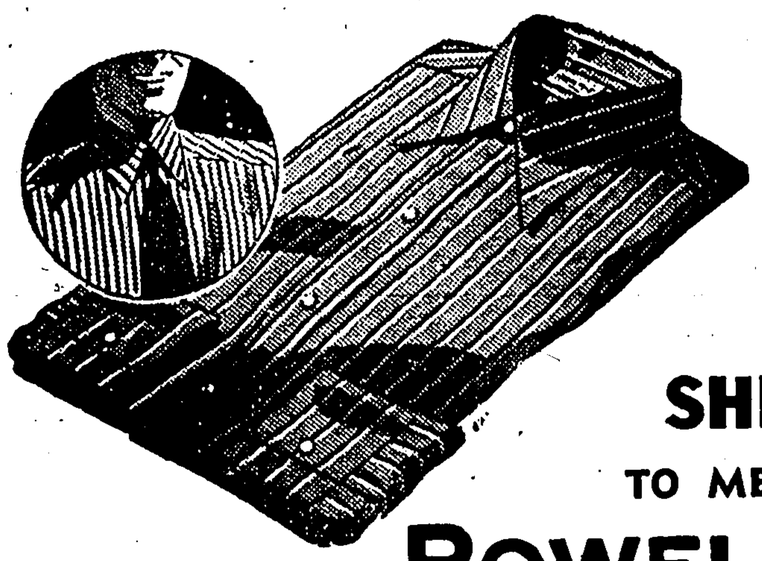
A shallow depression is situated to the north-east of Hokkaido.

REWARD OFFERED

The British Naval authorities have offered a reward for information leading to the recovery of a battle practice target which was lost off Swatow on November 8.

A statement by the naval authorities says that the target broke adrift 20 miles east-north-east of Lamock Island Light. It is 145 feet wide and carries no masts. It was then reported drifting west-south-west at about 18 miles per day.

The target is dangerous to navigation.



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After being sighted by a British cruiser, a German steamer, believed to be the Leander, 969 tons, has been taken to a British port as prize. It is believed the ship put into Vigo at the outbreak of war and, unable to obtain food, the crew decided to make a dash for Germany. — Reuter.

Paris, To-day.

Semi-official circles describe the German reply to Belgium and the Netherlands as "another customary manoeuvre to throw on Britain and France the responsibility for Germany's war." It is added that it will deceive no-one. The only point to remember is that Germany said "No." — Reuter.

RICELESS DAYS BEGIN IN JAPAN

Tokyo, To-day.

The War Office and the Army General Staff yesterday observed the first "riceless day," setting an official example in the national movement to conserve rice supplies.

"Riceless Day" will be observed every Wednesday, and other military establishments, including divisional headquarters, are to follow the War Office's lead.

A War Office spokesman yesterday stated that the shortage of rice in Japan was due to the failure of the crops in Korea and western Japan.

The shortage, he said, could be easily met if the nation dispensed with rice one day a month.—Reuter.

HUNDREDS OF CZECH STUDENTS ARRESTED

Prague, To-day.

Hundreds of Czech students, singing Slavonic songs and trying to attend the funeral of one of their number who died as a result of injuries received in last month's disturbances, have been arrested.—Reuter.

The Chinese Maritime Customs Station at Sha-ng-chung, Mirs Bay, was badly damaged in an air raid yesterday, by a direct hit. The station, however, still functions. Some 30 bombs were dropped by four Japanese machines, with only two casualties among civilians.

Amsterdam, To-day.

The Netherlands continue calm. This is signalised by the re-opening of the big Ijmuiden Canal, between Amsterdam and the North Sea, to traffic at night-time. The canal was closed on Sunday.—Reuter.

Mexico City, To-day.

The Supreme Court yesterday declared as constitutional the expropriations of foreign oil companies' properties in March last year.—Reuter.

Kwong Chow Wan, To-day.

The Chinese are reported to have withdrawn from Pakhoi and to have entrenched themselves on the city's limits where battle has been raging since dawn.

The Japanese entered the port, this morning.—Our Own Correspondent.

The Hong Kong offices of the Chinese Telegraph Administration and the Cable and Wireless, Limited, have been out of communication with Pakhoi since this morning.

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